[Mr. R. Kesava Pillai.]

(*b*) the time when a new office can be opened in the above place?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of opening an office at the place will be taken up when the guarantee amount is deposited.

Registration jurisdiction over the Melila pakuti.

124. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the people of Melila pakuti in Kottarakara taluk for transferring the Melila pakuti from the jurisdiction of the Punalur Sub-Registrar's Office to the Kottarakara Sub-Registrar's Office; and

(*b*) the action taken upon it?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The petition was forwarded to the Director of Registration and he has reported that he has replied to the petitioners that the pakuti in question could not be transferred to Kottarakara as Pattanapuram is more convenient to the majority of the people of the locality.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the distances from the Melila Pakuti to the Kottarkara and Pattanapuram Sub-Registry Offices?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got that information here. The Director of Registration reports that for the majority of the people, Pattanapuram will be more convenient than other offices. But as to the distance, I have not got the information.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government take it from me that it is not based on facts?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the member take it from me that the shortest distance from Melila Pakuti to Kottarakara is one mile and the longest distance 6 miles; and the longest distance from Pattanapuram 11 miles and the shortest distance 6 miles?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is noted.

Public Works in the Parur Taluk.

125. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what progress, if any, has been made in the construction of the following buildings, roads, and bridges for which funds have been provided in this year's (1105) Budget:

(*a*) a new building for the Vernacular Middle School for boys at Parur;

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(*b*) improving the court entrance canal, Parur;

(*c*) reconstruction of the old building of the Chengamanad Primary School for girls;

(*d*) conversion of the old Civil Jail building at Parur into a camp-shed;

(*e*) conversion of Puthenvelikara village road from Thuruthipuram to Ayirur into a cart road;

(*f*) opening a road from Manjali road to Thadikalkadavu road; and

(*g*) construction of a foot bridge across the branch canal from Kuriyappilli canal near Muthakunnam temple?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The building work which was commenced last year had to be kept in abeyance as desired by the Director of Public Instruction who is considering the question of a change of a site.

(*b*) The estimate is under consideration.

(*c*) The work has been started and is in progress.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) The Chief Engineer reports that estimates for these works are being prepared.

(*g*) The matter is under consideration.

Committee for revision of the Free Pass Rules.

126. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for the delay in appointing the Committee promised by Government for the revision of Free Pass Rules of the Forest Department; and

(*b*) whether the said Committee will be appointed at an early date?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There has been no avoidable delay in appointing the Committee.

(*b*) Yes.

Sanitation of the Azhagappapuram Village.

127. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total tax levied by Government from the people of Azhagappapuram village in Agastisvaram taluk; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to improve the sanitary condition of the above village and to prevent the percolation of water from the adjoining wet lands?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Land tax—about Rs. 4,000.

(*b*) The Sanitary Commissioner has requested the Chief Engineer to depute the Sub-Division Officer, Nagercoil, to make a joint inspection with the Sanitary Circle Officer, Nagercoil and suggest measures of improvement. The report of the joint inspection is awaited.

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